

Students spend the Crafternoon getting creative

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It's a warm, sunny day on the Founders patio. Students are sprawled underneath the gazebo with postcard-sized papers and markers, paint, stickers, and stencils to decorate them. Thanks to a new organization — Crafternoon — activities like this could become a regular sight on the campus.

Crafternoon co-founders Virginia Parker and Jordan Poirier were inspired while crafting together one afternoon.

"(Parker) and I were tearing up old clothes one afternoon and I said I liked crafting on lazy afternoons," said Poirier in an email interview. "We both agreed that there needed to be a craft club on campus."

They pitched the idea to Senate last march, and Crafternoon met for the first time on Sept. 7.

"To make a long story short, we created Crafternoon in hopes that it would provide students with a creative outlet in which they could engage the body and relax the mind," said Parker in an email interview.

The first meeting had a turn-out of about 30 people, and students seem intrigued.

"I think it sounds cool," said sophomore Stephanie Seligman. "(It is) a really carefree outlet for students that's stimulating and healthy."

As for the crafts to be done this semester, the options are wide-open. Students who attended the first meeting made suggestions and voted on their favorites by marking dots on a large yellow poster board where potential crafts were listed.

"We — the creators — have some pretty great ideas, but we are really a collaborative group and want every crafter to have a voice," said Poirier.

Parker and Poirier have already put their plans to craft in action, taking from student suggestions and their own ideas.

"We are currently working with a couple of other organizations on campus to put together some fun events," said Parker. "During Fall Fest, we will have a 'community puzzle' and students can come by and match a piece or two. For Solarpalooza, we will be making pinwheels. We also have plans to make dream catchers sometime this fall."

Those are just some of the ideas that students came up with at the first Crafternoon meeting. Others included splatter paint and tie-dying.

"I am excited about upcoming Crafternoon meeting because I like tie-dye and I want to learn to knit," said sophomore Dallas Kesler.

The group has already had success with their mini-crafting session at the first meeting: making postcards. Whether students sent them to family and friends, or just kept them, the activity provided an opportunity to de-stress in the middle of a hectic week.

"I liked making postcards because it allowed me to be creative as opposed to most of my classes which are science-based and more analytical," said Kesler.

Unleashing creativity is what Crafternoon aims to do.

"We want this club to be a place where students can let their minds wander away from academia and engage their creativity and imagination," said Poirier.

Do It Yourself: Bulletin Board

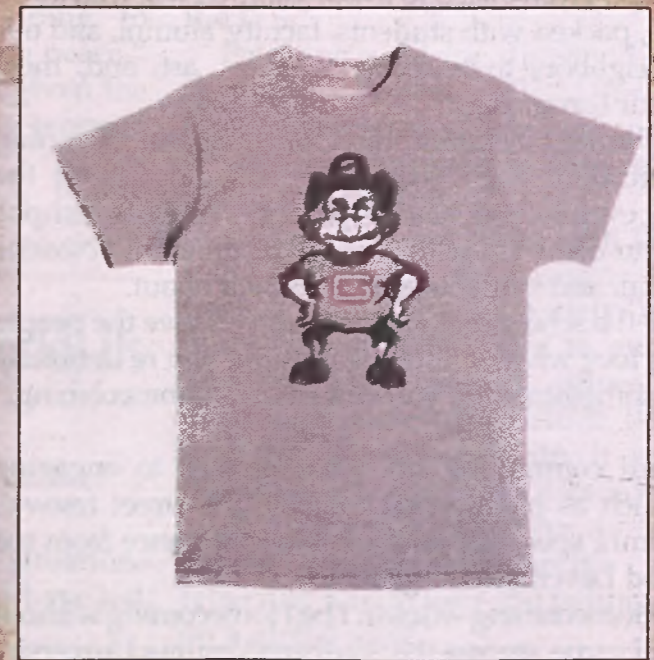
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Remember that sweater grandma gave you for your birthday? It has a cool pattern, but you wouldn't be caught in wearing it in fear of public humiliation.

Moving into your dorm room, grandma's sweater gets tossed into the corner to never be seen again. Until now. You need to cover the wall with something, and everyone loves to make their space their own. Why not convert that old sweater into a bulletin board to hang? It's easy, and The Guilfordian can show you how it is done.

First, take that cardboard box your mother sent you home-baked cookies in and grab that sweater. A t-shirt, pillowcase, or other spare piece of fabric will also work. You'll need a pair of scissors and some staples as well, and don't forget a few tacks to hang up pictures or notes on the actual board. Sticky tack can be used to hang the finished product up on your wall — your RA will be grateful you didn't ruin the wall with tacks.

Once you have all of your materials, you can begin.



How-to:

1. Cut your cardboard in the shape you want it and make sure it is clear of tape and packaging stickers.
2. Put the fabric of your choice over the cardboard so that it covers at least one, if not both, sides.
3. Staple around the top, sides, and bottom to keep the fabric firmly in place.
4. Put a few tacks on the cardboard to attach pictures or notes of your choice before hanging up the board. Use sticky tack to affix your new decoration to the wall, and enjoy!



WQFS hosted its first show of the semester Sept. 18. Mount Eerie and Wolves in the Throne Room performed for a packed house at Studio B in downtown Greensboro.

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